

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation requires the Department of Health and Welfare to distribute SNAP benefits (food stamps) over a period of not less than ten consecutive days per month beginning on the first day of the month, thus alleviating many of the problems associated with providing such benefits all on one day.

FISCAL NOTE

The one time cost for the Department of Health and Welfare to convert from a single day distribution to a ten day distribution is up to a maximum \$301,500 from the General Fund minus a contribution of between \$25,000 to \$50,000 from the Idaho members of the Northwest Grocery Association. The subsequent annual cost for administering the program of distribution is up to a maximum \$190,000 from the General Fund with matching Federal Funds..

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